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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Cancelled)

Claim 2 (Currently amended)      A check valve ~~according to claim 1~~ wherein for a canister adapted to receive fluids, said canister having a vacuum port for application of vacuum to said canister for inducing a flow of fluids into said canister, said check valve being operably coupled to said vacuum port for stopping said application of vacuum to said canister when said fluids in said canister reach a pre-determined level, said check valve comprises comprising:

- (a) a floatball operably coupled to a needle valve; and
- (b) a floatball cage for housing said floatball, said floatball cage comprising a needle valve guide for slidably retaining said needle valve.

Claim 3 (New)      A check valve for a canister adapted to receive fluids, said canister having a vacuum port for application of vacuum to said canister for inducing a flow of fluids into said canister, said check valve being operably coupled to said vacuum port for stopping said application of vacuum to said canister when said fluids in said canister reach a pre-determined level, said check valve comprising:

- (a) a floatball;
- (b) a cage for housing said floatball;
- (c) a needle valve;
- (d) a needle valve guide for slidably retaining said needle valve, said needle valve being positioned to be engaged by said floatball to close said vacuum port.